

M A N N E R S
AND
C U S T O M S

Of the Principal Nations of



EUROPE.

gathered together by the particular Observation of JAMES SALGADO, a Spaniard, in his Travels through those Countries; and Translated into English by the Authors Care, Anno 1685.

In Counsel.

HE German's slow, but sure, no froth nor flash ;
The English resolute ; The French are rash,
Italian's subtile, politick and wise ;
Spaniard cautious, wary to advise.

In Faith.

German's firm ; the English doth distrust ;
French unstable, light as Summers Dust ;
Italian does, as Int'rest bids, believe ;
Spaniards Faith is, that he may deceive.

In Love.

Germans know not what this passion means ;
English somewhat ; France is all extremes ;
Italian Loves Intrigues can carry on ;
Spaniard Loves to purpose like a Man.

In Stature.

Germans they are bulky, big, and tall ;
English comly, well proportion'd all ;
French do twine, and twist their Bodies so,
at th'Devil himself can scarce their Stature know ;
Italian's middle seiz'd, not short, nor tall ;
Spaniard is ill featur'd, swarthy, small.

In Clothes.

German's Garb is course, Cloath spun at home ;
French and English change with every Moon ;
all their changes lavishly profuse,
though 'twas all for show, and not for use ;
their Apparel the Italians spare ;
and all the Spaniards very modest are.

In Science.

The Germans Pedants are in Sciences ;
The English Philosophically wise ;
The French do's something of all Knowledge sound ;
Italians Doctor-like ; Spaniards profound.

In Secrecy.

What Germans hear, it gets out of their Head ;
The English know what should be done, or said ;
The Leaky French for Secrecy are Fools ;
Secrets run throug them, through some thousand holes :
The mute Italian has no Tongue for this ;
The Spaniard close, faithful, and silent is.

In Language.

The Germans mad-men like, speak wild and bold ;
The English speaks, for fear his Mouth catch cold ,
Like Lady small-mouth ; and the French do's cant ,
As Madam-singing, agrees in Patch and Paint ;
The Italian like Stage-Play's acts his words ;
The manly Spaniard Nature's Voice affords.

In Injuries and Favours.

The Germans neither good nor evil do ;
The English both, if Causes call thereto ;
The French their good forget, their wrongs forgive ;
The Italians love, whom they their Friends believe ,
Firm to their hate, in their Revenge they're mad ;
The Spaniard's most alike, if not as bad.

In Feasting.

The German drowns in Wine his Wits, and Might ,
In various Plenty th' English do delight ;
Monsieur's for kick-shaws delicate, fine knacks ;
The Italian's sober, but the Spaniard lacks :
When he does Feast his Lords and Dukes, he has
But one poor pound of Meat, and twelve of Gras.

In Manners.

The German's clownish; th' English are austere;
The French are courteous, kind, and Debonair;
Th' Italian's in his Carriage very Civil;
The scornful Spaniard proud as any Devil.

In Courage and Mind.

Rough like a Bear, the Germans seem to us;
Like Lyons the English, Great and Generous;
Quick piercing Eagle-like the French; no less
Th' Italian Fox-like, thrives by craftiness;
The Spaniard bears an Elephant-like state,
Majestic, slow grave, and deliberate.

In Grandeur and Stateliness.

The German's Grandeur is where none doth see;
The English love Magnificence at Sea;
But the French Court is glorious, great and brave;
And sumptuous Churches will the Italians have;
The Spaniard loves his Armour should be fine,
And seeks in splendid Coats of Mail to shine.

In Beauty.

The Germans seem like Statues made of Brass;
The French has Mans, the English Angels face;
The Italians so and so; but you may trace
The Devil's Hoof, i'th' Spaniard cloven Face.

In Writing.

The Germans speak but bad, yet much do write;
The English Speech's not well, his Lines polite;
The French speak well, yet they can best indite;
The Italians is but so and so in both;
The Spaniard would do well were't not for sloth.

In Presence.

The German is a Sot, so speak his Eyes;
The English looks not over Fool, nor Wife;
The French seems mad, yet few their wit can scan;
The Italian seems, and is a prudent man;
But formal Spaniard with's deep Gravity,
Would fain seem wise, yet none more Fool than he.

In Laws.

The Germans Laws are rigid and severe,
Yet towards these they strict Observance bear;
France to good Laws gives no Obedience due;
The English still are hankering after new;
The Italians have good Laws, which they observe;
The Spaniards from not good nor bad dare swerve.

In Service.

Germans are Slaves; the English Free-men all;
Humble the French; the Italian punctual;
The Spaniard, as it do's his state besit.
In Service doth obediently submit.

In Humour and Disposition.

The German's changeable like Wind and Air;
The French is cheerful, brisk, and jocular;
The English is consorous, full of Gall,
Tart in Reflections, and Satyrical;
The Italian he is Complaisant and Brave;
The Spaniard Majestick is and Grave.

In Religion.

The German is Religious throughout;
Zealous the French; the English are devout;
Th' Italians every Superstition try;
The Spaniard's stuft with grave Hypocrisie.

In Marriage.

The German's Lord and Master of his Wife;
The English with them lead a Slavish Life;
The French like yoke-fellows, keep to the L
Of their Estate, and equally do draw;
Th' Italians Wives may them their Jayors call;
The Spaniard's cruel, and tyrannical.

The Women.

The German Women are good, chaste, and cold
In England they are Queens, free, head-strong,
The French are Noble Madams, but (all know P
They're wanton and lascivious like a Goat;
Th' Italians they are wicked, though confin'd;
In Spain they're Handmaids of an Amorous min

In Diseases and Infirmities.

The knotty Gout does rack the German-Toes;
The great Sir P--- gets Monsieur by the Nose;
The Scurvey does the English over-run;
Italy is by Pestilence undone;
The Spaniards for cold Swellings have no ease;
King's-Evil is their Catholick Disease.

In Civil Business and Meetings.

The German well begins, concludes amiss;
The English man wedded to his Judgment is;
The French capricious, windy, giddy, vain;
The Italian shows he has a Politick Brain;
But various the Conditions of Spain.

In Merchandizing.

The Germans care at last, at first neglect;
Gain puffs not th' English, nor does loss deject;
French covet all, if without any pain;
Th' Italian well doth weigh his los's and gain;
The Spaniard never did great feats in Trade,
Because to venture far he is afraid.

In Travelling.

The Germans Travel, 'cause their Custome 't
Th' English a Fool's humour for to please;
Th' Italian, and the French, like wise men,
They Travel, 'tis to learn both things and me;
The Spaniard Travels for some want or strife,
To feed his hunger, or to save his life.